

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for applying a marking to an object to be marked by irradiating a laser beam onto a marking position on said object, said method comprising the steps of:

selecting a material of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) as a substrate of an object to be marked, interlaced fibers being contained in the PTFE as a filler;

forming a fluffed portion of PTFE on a surface of the object by irradiating a laser beam onto said marking position on said object to be marked ~~to loosen the interlaced fibers adjacent to an irradiated surface of the PTFE and to fluff the irradiated surface of the PTFE;~~ and

setting a marking speed of 300 to 400 mm/s and a ~~laser beam~~ power of 2.4 to 7.2 W ~~in an~~ during the irradiating condition of a by the laser beam; and

~~whereby the irradiated surface of the PTFE exhibits~~

exhibiting a white-based color tone contrast in the fluffed portion different from that of a non-irradiated surface of the PTFE ~~to form a marking with a white-based color.~~

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A product marked by irradiating a laser beam onto a marking position on said object, said product comprising:

polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) as a substrate of an object to be marked;

interlaced fibers ~~being~~ contained in the PTFE as a filler;

a surface of the PTFE ~~being~~ including a fluffed portion at said marking position of the irradiated object to be marked ~~by loosening, said fluffed portion including~~ PTFE separated from the interlaced fibers ~~adjacent to the surface of the PTFE~~; and

~~whereby the irradiated surface~~ fluffed portion of the PTFE ~~exhibits~~ exhibiting a ~~color tone~~ white-based color contrast different from that of a non-irradiated surface of the PTFE ~~to form a marking with a white-based color~~.

Please add new claim 3 as follows:

Claim 3. (New) The product of claim 2, wherein the interlaced fibers include a color different from the white-based color contrast of the fluffed portion to further differentiate the fluffed portion of the surface of the PTFE from the non-irradiated surface of the PTFE.